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Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release @ 50-Yr 2014/11/04 : CIA-RDP82-00047R000200680004-0 SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION - 2 -The following plants in Czechoslovakia were known to me to manufacture aircraft components or to assemble aircraft: Avia in Prague was by far the largest aircraft plant. Prior to World War (a) II, it was part of the Skoda enterprise. Skoda itself has not produced engines or aircraft components since World War II. Rudy Letov (formerly Letov), located near Avia. I understand that the airfields of Avia and Rudy Letov are now connected with each other. Aero, located in the proximity of the Avia and Rudy Letov plants. Aero and Rudy Letov are smaller than Avia and of similar size. The other plants are of no great consequence. (d) Walter, at Jinonic (outskirts of Prague), manufactured aircraft engines. (e) Otrokowice, at the Gottwaldov (formerly Zlin) airport, produced a negligible number of two-seater sport planes, using a Buscker (German) design. **(f)** Mraz, at Chocen in northeast Bohemia. 50X1 I have no knowledge of the layout of these plants, of the size of their 5. labor force, rate of production, or plans for expansion. Until 1950, all of them operated in a indications of radical changes since my departure from Czechoslovakia. I do not remember the names of plant officials, but this is of little consequence as the management changed very frequently after 1946. In general, one can state that the aircraft industry was in the same state of chaos from 1948 to 1950 as other branches of industry, and inefficiency on a grand scale prevailed at all the plants listed above. 6. I do not believe that the Czechoslovakia aircraft industry produced any

I do not believe that the Czechoslovakia aircraft industry produced any Soviet-type planes until 1950. I have read in Czech emigre publications, 50X1 however, that Avia now produces MIG 15 aircraft, which are known to be in use by the Czechoslovak Air Force. I assume that such production is super-50X1 vised by Soviet engineers. A Soviet-type aircraft not produced in tracks slovakia, but in evidence there prior to 1950, was the II-12.

Aircraft maintenance and repair shops were located at most of the aircraft plants listed above; the biggest one was maintained by Avia. 50X1

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8. Prior to World War II, Ceskomoravsk Kolben "Praga", located in an eastern suburb of Prague, manufactured aircraft engines and small aircraft. Since 1945, this plant has produced electrical motors, trucks, Diesel engines, locomotives, and steel construction equipment, but no aircraft components.

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